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SUBJ: EXIM BANK BANK GUARANTEE FOR SALE OF ONE WEB OFFSET PRESS  
TO SIN PIN JIH PAO, SINGAPORE

REF: STATE 030708

1. SING PIN JIH PAO, SING THAI JIH PAO, SIN CHEW JIT POH (MALAYSIA) AND SIN CHEW JIT POH (SINGAPORE) ARE SUBSIDIARIES OF SIN POH (STAR NEWS) AMALGAMATED LTD. IN SINGAPORE. AMONG THESE COMPANIES SIN CHEW JIT POH (S) IS THE OLDEST. FIRM WAS FORMERLY MEMBER OF SING TAO PRESS GROUP OF COMPANIES IN HONG KONG OWNED BY HAW PAR BROS. FOLLOWING HAW PAR'S MERGER WITH SLATER WALKER IN 1972, AW KAU (SON OF AW BOON PAR) AND MRS. AW CHENG CHYE (WIFE OF AW KAU'S COUSIN) WHO WERE REPORTED TO BE AGAINST SELLING OUT THE FAMILY BUSINESS TO OUTSIDERS BOUGHT SIN CHEW JIT POH FROM HAW PAR BROS. FOR S\$30 MILLION. SINCE THEN SIN CHEW JIT POH HAS CONTINUED TO OPERATE IN SINGAPORE INDEPENDENT OF NEWSPAPERS OWNED BY OTHER MEMBERS OF AW FAMILY IN HONG KONG.

2. SINCE PRE-WAR DAYS SIN CHEW JIT POH HAS BEEN ONE OF TWO CHINESE LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS CIRCULATED IN SINGAPORE AND THROUGHOUT MALAYSIA. BUT FOLLOWING CHANGE IN COMPANY REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT IN MALAYSIA FEW YEARS AGO, SIN CHEW SALES IN WEST MALAYSIA WERE TAKEN OVER BY ASSOCIATE ESTABLISHED IN KUALA LUMPUR. APPARENTLY TO FACILITATE MORE EFFECTIVE CIRCULATION OF PAPERS IN NORTHERN MALAYSIA, SING PIN JIH PAO (BASED IN PENANG) WAS FORMED. ALL FOUR NEWSPAPERS PUB-  
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LISHED IN THE AREA ARE ADMINISTERED BY SIN POH (STAR NEWS) AMALGAMATE

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LTD. WHOSE OWNERS ARE MRS. AW CHENG CHYE AND AW KAU. SIN POH'S OWNERS ARE VERY WEALTHY AND PROMINENT IN SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA AND HONG KONG. AS SUCH FIRM IS CONSIDERED A SAFE CREDIT RISK.

3. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY SINGAPORE PERCEIVES NO POLITICAL OR OTHER REASONS EXIMBANK SHOULD NOT CONSIDER REQUEST, EMBASSY KL MAY WISH TO ADD BACKGROUND INFORMATION OR OTHER COMMENTS SINCE SIN PIN JIH PAO ACTUALLY LOCATED IN MALAYSIA. REFTEL WHICH REQUESTED THIS INFORMATION BEING REPEATED TO EMBASSY KL BY EMBASSY SINGAPORE. CRONK

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